

2. The approval of a draft Assembly resolution on follow-up action to the U.N. Conference on the Environment and Development (UNCED);

3. The adoption of an MEPC resolution on Guidelines on the Application of the Precautionary Approach;

4. Plans for a special meeting of entities involved with the carriage of materials subject to the Irradiated Nuclear Fuel (INF) Code;

5. The proposed new Annex VI to MARPOL on prevention of air pollution from ships;

6. The future work of the committee on "The Human Element";

7. Port State Control procedures;

8. Unwanted aquatic organisms in ballast water; and

9. The work plan for the international Convention on Oil Pollution, Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (OPRC) intersessional meeting which will take place from 27 February—1 March 1996 in London, England.

For further information or documentation pertaining to the SPMP meeting, contact Lieutenant Commander Ray Perry, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (G-MOS-4), 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20593-0001, Telephone: (202) 267-2714, Facsimile: (202) 267-4690.

Dated: December 1, 1995.

Richard T. Miller,

*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*

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## TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

### SES Performance Review Board

**AGENCY:** Trade and Development Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the appointment of members of the Trade and Development Agency's Performance Review Board.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deirdre E. Curley, Assistant Director for Management Trade and Development Agency, State Annex-16, Room 309, Washington, D.C. 20523-1602, (703) 875-4357.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 4314(c) (1) through (5), U.S.C. requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personal Management, one or more SES performance review boards. The board shall review and evaluate the

initial appraisal of a senior executive's performance by the supervisor, along with any recommendations to the appointing authority relative to the performance of the senior executive.

The following have been selected as acting members of the Performance Review Board of the Trade and Development Agency: Jessalyn L. Pendarvis, Director of Equal Opportunity Programs, Agency for International Development; James D. Murphy, Deputy Director Office of Procurement, Agency for International Development; and Edward Dragon, former Regional Legal Advisor, Senior Foreign Service, Agency for International Development.

Dated: December 6, 1995.

Deirdre E. Curley,

*Assistant Director for Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Denial of Motor Vehicle Defect Petition From Robert G. Gingher

This notice sets forth the reasons for the denial of a petition submitted to the NHTSA under 49 U.S.C. 30162(a)(2).

In August 1995, Mr. Robert G. Gingher petitioned the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to issue an order concerning the notification and remedy of a defect in certain 1987 through 1993 Taurus, Sable, and Continental model vehicles, produced by the Ford Motor Company, because of an alleged defect in the design of the steering system tie rods. Specifically, Mr. Gingher alleges that the tie rods can break, causing loss of control of the vehicle, and that accidents have occurred because of this failure. The petitioner proposes that these vehicles be recalled and that their tie rods be replaced by a more recently designed tie rod.

This matter was the subject of an investigation by NHTSA (EA94-008) which was closed on February 27, 1995. The results of that investigation did not indicate that a safety-related defect trend existed. As a result, that investigation was closed.

Mr. Gingher bases his petition on several allegations. First, he infers that the replacement parts sales indicate a high rate of occurrence of the alleged safety defect. This is not necessarily correct because of the existence of more than one failure mode for the part. The investigation showed that fracture of the

tie rod was the only failure mode that had any potential safety consequence, that fracture was a rare occurrence in service, and that the tie rods were far more likely to have been replaced because of wear, which had no identified safety consequence. Accordingly, replacement parts sales do not accurately reflect the number of occurrences of this alleged defect.

Second, Mr. Gingher states that "the VRTC did not evaluate steering degradation." The Vehicle Research and Test Center did, in fact, evaluate steering performance degradation in several driving maneuvers, including straight ahead stopping, various right and left hand constant radius turns, low speed steering maneuvers, and several collision avoidance maneuvers. In only one condition, the double lane change maneuver, was the steering performance of the vehicle degraded with a separated tie rod.

Mr. Gingher has not presented any new information which was not already considered by the agency during its previous investigation. Accordingly, there is no reason to reopen the investigation. Thus, after considering all of the issues raised by this petition, recognizing the need to allocate and prioritize NHTSA's limited resources to best accomplish the agency's safety mission, the agency has decided to deny the petition.

Issued on: December 7, 1995.

Michael B. Brownlee,

*Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request: Certification of Training, Notice of Intent To Employ a Veteran, Employer's Application for Approval of a Job Training Program, and Application for a Certificate of Eligibility; VA Forms 22-8929, 22-8930, 22-8931, and 22-8932

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for